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Transportation Security Administration

TSA Establishes STSAC

TSA HAS ESTABLISHED the Surface Transportation Security Advisory Committee (STSAC), which will provide recommendations on security matters including the development, refinement and implementation of policies, programs, initiatives, rulemakings and security directives.

The STSAC comprises 35 voting members representing surface transportation providers and users—including nine APTA members—and 14 additional nonvoting members representing federal departments and agencies with surface transportation oversight.

The committee will report to TSA Administrator David Pekoske, who said, "The knowledge and expertise these leaders bring to the table will play a vital role in TSA's continued efforts to safeguard the nation's surface transportation systems."

STSAC members representing public transit and passenger rail are Jaime E. Becerra, chief of transit enforcement/deputy chief of safety and security, North County Transit District; Edward A. Bruce, director of intelligence, New Jersey Transit Corporation; Robert J. Finnegan, captain, police administration, Delaware River Port Authority Police; Robert P. Gatchell, chief safety and security officer, Go Brightline; Polly Hanson, APTA director of security, risk and emergency management; Ivan T. Mote, chief safety officer, Jacksonville Transportation Authority; Ronald A. Pavlik Jr., chief of police, Metro Transit Police Department, Washington, DC; Joe Perez, chief of police and security, Northeast Illinois Commuter Railroad (Metra); and Lisa Ann Shahade, deputy chief of police for strategic operations, Amtrak.

In addition to the voting members, six federal departments and agencies—DOT; the Departments of Defense, Energy and Homeland Security; FBI; and NTSB—have designated representatives to serve as nonvoting members of the STSAC.

Throughout the year, *Passenger Transport* will highlight certain areas of interest to the industry, including, among others, technology, sustainability and security. This issue looks at some of the ways APTA members are improving the passenger experience. See pages 5-7.

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Five BRT Lines Among Recipients of FTA CIG Funding

Total of $1.36 Billion Covers 16 Public Transit Projects

FTA HAS ANNOUNCED a total of $1.36 billion in federal funding allocations to 16 new and existing public transit projects in the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program: approximately $424.8 million in appropriated FY 2018 CIG funding to two projects that have existing construction grant agreements and five new projects nearing readiness for consideration to receive such an agreement, and $936 million in appropriated FY 2019 CIG funds to nine projects with existing construction grant agreements.

The five new CIG projects are all BRT lines:

- $16.6 million for the Jacksonville (FL) Transportation Authority's 12.9-mile First Coast Flyer Southwest Corridor;
- $40.4 million for a 1.8-mile extension of the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County's Virginia Street Corridor in Reno, NV;
- $26.9 million for the Capital District Transportation Authority's River Corridor/Blue Line, a 16-mile route along the Hudson River;
- $87.4 million for the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon's Division Transit project in Portland, OR, a 15-mile route connecting Portland's central business district with Gresham, OR; and
- $53.4 million for the Spokane (WA) Transit Authority's 5.8-mile Central City Line.

With this announcement, FTA has advanced funding for 22 new CIG projects throughout the nation since Jan. 20, 2017, totaling approximately $5.06 billion in funding commitments.

"FTA continues to evaluate and advance eligible projects in the CIG program consistent with federal law. We are pleased to allocate funding to five new CIG projects and 11 projects with existing grant agreements across the country," said FTA Acting Administrator K. Jane Williams.

"FTA's action is a great step forward for 16 critical infrastructure projects that will expand options and offer safe, reliable and convenient public transportation in these communities," said APTA President and CEO Paul P. Skoutelas. "This is welcome news for the public transit systems that are the beneficiaries of these important CIG funds and for the residents they serve every day."

Brightline Launches 'Virgin Trains USA' Rebranding

BRIGHTLINE INTERCITY RAIL in South Florida revealed the first visuals for its new branding, Virgin Trains USA, during recent ceremonies at Virgin MiamiCentral, the rail line's southern hub, attended by Sir Richard Branson and Virgin Trains USA President Patrick Goddard.

Virgin MiamiCentral is a multimodal facility that brings together Miami-Dade Transit's Metrorail and Metromover with Virgin Trains USA; bikesharing; Lyft, Virgin Trains USA's official rideshare partner; and, soon, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's Tri-Rail commuter rail. The site also houses retail and dining venues, including a food hall experience, and a promenade surrounding two residential towers with more than 800 apartments collectively known as Park-Line MiamiCentral.

Branson said, "Virgin has a long history of changing industries for the better and inspiring enduring loyalty through outstanding customer experience. Today marks the first step in that journey with Virgin Trains USA as we unveil the beautiful Virgin MiamiCentral station. I'm very excited to see the transformation of our service and the plans for the next phase of the project to Orlando."

Goddard said, "Virgin MiamiCentral is the central hub for all things transportation and mobility. With the addition of the Virgin brand we solidify ourselves as the premier live, work and play environment in downtown Miami."

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Sir Richard Branson launches the rebranding of Brightline as Virgin Trains USA during ceremonies at Virgin MiamiCentral.

Photo courtesy of USC/Brian Morri

Commentary

Building Outstanding Customer Experience

BY STEPHANIE WIGGINS
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AS A YOUNG WOMAN preparing to enter graduate school 24 years ago, I accepted a temporary job at the transportation authority for San Bernardino County (CA) in the finance department.

From the first day, I was fascinated by the resources required to move people through the nation's largest county by area. Also, I was impressed by the need our customers had for the system to work well and be on schedule. Buses that arrive late might result in a person losing his or her job.

During that first, formative year, I realized that we are in the opportunity business. Public transportation connects people with opportunity so they can move their lives forward. We are an essential rung on the ladder to success.

When I was appointed CEO of Metrolink, I distilled a career of learning into a letter to all employees setting out a roadmap to success and growth in ridership. The roadmap's centerpiece is providing an outstanding customer experience on all trips.

I am committed to building outstanding customer experiences on three pillars: safety and security, an integrated system and modernizing business practices.

In relation to safety and security, Metrolink is a leader in the design, installation and operation of Positive Train Control (PTC). In 2015, Metrolink installed PTC on all our owned tracks and, last December, we completed interoperability with all our rail partners.

In February, Metrolink installed Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) on all 57 of our cab cars, which are part of each of our trains. Our current board chair, who is also a Los Angeles City firefighter, urged his colleagues to purchase and deploy this essential life-saving technology.

Like many regions, Southern California has an intractable problem with a growing homeless population. In 2018, a survey found 138 encampments on or near our 538 route miles. By participating in a regional task force consisting of transportation, law enforcement and social services, we were able to remove about 70 percent of the encampments to reduce the danger of a person being struck by a train.

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In September, Metrolink will convene a safety summit in Los Angeles for leaders from across the country to discuss the next version of PTC, strategies to reduce trespasser/pedestrian strikes and other key issues related to railroad safety.

Integrating Metrolink's system with other transportation providers, such as Transportation Network Companies, is necessary to help our customers complete their trips in the event of unforeseen service interruption. In these cases, Metrolink provides reimbursement up to $50 for our customers to complete their trips using Uber or Lyft. Also, Metrolink recently launched a partnership with a new ride hailing service called flexLA that offers microtransit options in the downtown Los Angeles area. These arrangements are in addition to the existing partnerships Metrolink enjoys with Southern California public transit agencies that provide buses to complete trips in case of interruptions.

Modernizing business practices means doing business with people in the manner they want.

Metrolink launched its mobile ticketing smartphone app in 2016 to free our riders from vending machines and paper tickets. While many of our customers and corporate partners still prefer to use tickets, usage of the mobile app continues to grow in its fourth year.

Metrolink is active in social media. Our Facebook page engages 200,000 followers, the largest among the top 10 commuter railroads in the U.S. by ridership. Metrolink on Instagram targets the younger demographic and has 19,600 followers, the second largest Instagram engagement among the top 10 commuter rails in the U.S. by ridership.

On Earth Day, Metrolink will provide free rides systemwide so new riders can sample safe, clean and convenient rail travel while showing support for environmental protection.

Like all public transportation agencies, we see our greatest ridership during the morning and evening commutes. Enticing customers to use us during off-peak hours and on weekends builds demand for safe, clean and convenient transportation.

We launched new products, such as the Rams train that brought football fans from throughout Southern California to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. I'm not taking credit for their Super Bowl appearance, but we can take credit for removing about 2,000 cars from the road on game days.

Metrolink formed partnerships to develop special train service to Angels baseball games, the Auto Club 400 NASCAR race, the Los Angeles County Fair and the popular Festival of Lights Christmas display in Riverside, CA. Each of these special train services builds brand awareness and introduces mobility options to traffic-weary people.

At the heart of all these efforts is a quest for us to be better. Be better with our customers in how we prepare, communicate and add value. Be better with our teammates in how we support each other, how we talk and how we care about each other as people. Be better to ourselves in our self-talk, our personal expectations, in our health and in our commitment to being all we can be.

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LA Metro Opens 'Green' Light Rail Yard

Los Angeles Metro opened the Southwestern Yard, a $172 million rail maintenance facility designed and constructed to attain LEED Silver Certification with many "green" features, at a recent ceremony attended by federal, state and local officials and community leaders.

Metro Board Chair and LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl said, "This cutting-edge facility is a great example of Metro's commitment as an international leader in environmental and sustainable practices. … With all the green features incorporated into the Southwestern Yard, we continue to move in the right direction."

These features include pollution-reducing construction processes; easy access to public transportation for workers; treatment of stormwater runoff and the use of low-emitting paints, sealants, coatings and materials, along with energy-saving lighting and air conditioning.

LA Metro Chief Executive Officer Phillip A. Washington called the facility "a much-needed asset for Metro's rail operations team [that] will be used to bring quality and reliable service to this region using advanced technologies."

The system will maintain and inspect light rail vehicles at the 115,000-square-foot facility, and also undertake body repairs, painting, storage and cleaning and washing. In addition, the facility will house general administration and support service staff. The railyard will have the capacity to store 70 light rail vehicles and will have about 200 employees.

The Southwestern Yard is part of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, the 8.5-mile light rail line that will meet with the Expo Line and connect with the existing Green Line near the future Aviation/LAX Station when it opens in 2020.

Metro plans to begin major construction next year on the Airport Metro Connector/96th Street Transit Station next to the new railyard. The station will be the transfer point between local transit—including the Crenshaw/LAX and Green lines—and Los Angeles International Airport's Automated People Mover, now under construction, which will take riders to the airport terminals when it and the station open in 2023.

LA Metro opened its newest rail maintenance facility, the Southwestern Yard, at a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony.

An artist's rendering of a Laker Line bus and station.

The Rapid Breaks Ground On 'Laker Line' BRT

The Rapid in Grand Rapids, MI, launched construction April 1 on its second BRT route, the 13-mile Laker Line, scheduled to open in August 2020.

The route—which will replace an existing regular fixed route—will connect Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in Allendale to the Michigan Street Medical Mile in Grand Rapids. The Rapid estimates 11,000 daily rides when it opens, operating with CNG-powered 60-foot articulated buses.

Andrew Johnson, chief executive officer of The Rapid, said, "The Laker Line will provide a faster connection from GVSU to downtown Grand Rapids and improve access for residents and businesses throughout The Rapid's service area."

The Rapid opened its first BRT line, the Silver Line, in August 2014. Station platforms for the Laker Line will provide well-lit shelters with level platform boarding, off-board fare collecting, real-time arrival signage and security phones and cameras. The Laker Line will share three existing downtown Silver Line stations, helping riders make connections to other routes.

Funding for the Laker Line comes from FTA and the state of Michigan, with operational support from GVSU.

Ready. Set. Get on Board!

THE PUBLIC TRANSIT industry is gearing up for APTA's inaugural Get on Board Day, April 25. The day will showcase the value of and gain support for public transit—with a unified voice, the industry will come together to highlight how public transit benefits people and communities. This initiative was developed by APTA's Marketing & Communications Committee.

APTA resources to help you "Get on Board" include social media shareables, fact sheets and a wealth of activities. Learn more at https://bit.ly/2JecofT.

Additionally, you can direct your audience and stakeholders to a dedicated Get on Board community website at https://getonboardday.org/ where they can sign a petition showing their support, share stories about how their lives have been impacted by public transit and learn about its value.

APTA Chair David M. Stackrow Sr. said, "On April 25, our industry will come together to highlight the many benefits public transit provides to communities throughout our country. It's a local initiative with national benefits. I'm thrilled that more than 200 organizations have already committed to participate in this important day for the industry."

Is your organization participating? This is what others are doing: holding press conferences with elected officials, offering free rides, wrapping vehicles with the Get on Board logo, setting up information booths and purchasing paid advertising.

We want to hear how you are marking the day; share with us by contacting Erin Cartwright at ecartwright@apta.com.

FTA Requests Comments On Changes to Database

FTA HAS ISSUED a notice requesting comments by June 10 regarding proposed changes to the National Transit Database (NTD) and proposed clarifications to reporting criteria. The *Federal Register* notice is available at https://bit.ly/2GbdZzs.

The changes include:

- The addition of two new service types, taxi and Transportation Network Company, joining directly operated and purchased transportation. Currently, a public transit system must report separately service and financial information for each mode and type of service it operates;
- Expanding a number of its reporting categories with new data elements, such as adding automated or autonomous vehicles and additional safety equipment data to the A-30 Revenue Vehicle Asset Form;
- Clarifying when public transit agencies must report attempted suicides;
- Modifying the NTD's safety event forms to identify the vehicle fleet information from their annual report through a menu of their active fleets;
- Improving specifics regarding the reporting of temporary bus bridge service;
- Defining the term "incidental use" to mean "when 50 percent or less of the facility's physical space is dedicated to the provision of public transportation service";
- Explaining that FTA would require a service to be reported as commuter service if "50 percent of passengers make a return trip on the same day across all service runs for one year," along with seven criteria to update the survey; and
- Proposing definitions and reporting requirements for linear miles and track miles.

Comment submissions must be identified by Docket Number (FTA-2018-0010) either through the federal eRulemaking Portal, www.regulations.gov, or by mail to Docket Management Facility, U.S. DOT, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001. For more information, contact Maggie Schilling at 202-366–2054 or maggie.schilling@dot.gov.

New CEOs Named

Foye, New York MTA

NEW YORK GOV. Andrew Cuomo has named Patrick J. Foye chairman and chief executive officer of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the highest position in the agency. Foye previously was MTA president since 2017 and executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey from 2011-2017. He is also a former member of the MTA board.

Patrick J. Foye

Ajise, SCAG

THE REGIONAL COUNCIL of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has named Kome Ajise, its planning director since November 2017, as executive director. Ajise has 30 years experience in regional planning and transportation, including serving as chief deputy director at Caltrans.

Kome Ajise

Industry Urges Critical Need for Investment During Infrastructure Week

APTA URGES its members to continue to champion the critical role infrastructure plays in people's lives during Infrastructure Week, May 13-20. APTA is one of more than 470 affiliate organizations supporting the nonprofit Infrastructure Week organization, which brings together U.S. businesses, workers, elected leaders and the general public around the message "Let's #BuildForTomorrow. Starting Now."

APTA released new research in March identifying at least $232 billion in priority projects around the country that could be funded by increased investment in public transportation—including more than $90 billion to bring all U.S. public transit assets into a state of good repair.

Infrastructure Week notes the importance of investment in all elements of the nation's infrastructure—including roads, bridges, rail, ports, airports, water and sewer systems, the energy grid and telecom—and the projects, technologies and policies necessary to make America competitive, prosperous and safe.

APTA plans to run ads on the critical need for public transit investment during Infrastructure Week and, in advance of the actual week, the Business Member Board of Governors has scheduled a fly-in May 8 to inform members of Congress about the importance of public transit in communities.

More information is available at https://infrastructureweek.org/.

APTA and FTA Will Hold Webinar on TAM

APTA IS PARTNERING WITH FTA to present a joint webinar April 25, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time, to review tools for communicating the value of transit asset management (TAM) to agency executives and staff.

Presenters will include Mshadoni Smith, FTA's TAM program manager, and Luke Westlund, supervisor of state of good repair for the Regional Transportation District in Denver. Laura Zale, manager of asset management for Philadelphia's Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority, is the moderator.

This webinar is part of a larger FTA-APTA joint webinar series being conducted this year to address important topics relating to TAM. Planned upcoming webinar topics include Engaging Your TAM Stakeholders and Best Practices for Data Collection.

Registration for the Communicating TAM Compliance and Programs webinar is available on a first-come, first-served basis, open to the first 500 participants. The webinar will be recorded and made available on the FTA TAM webpage. Register at https://bit.ly/2U7ROhl. More TAM information is available at www.transit.dot.gov/TAM.

TheRide Introduces Updated Securement System

THE ANN ARBOR AREA (MI) Transportation Authority (TheRide) recently began installing the Quantum wheelchair securement station manufactured by Q'Straint, on board 10 of its buses, funded with $187,000 from Michigan DOT as part of its Michigan Mobility Challenge grant initiative.

Jean Ruestman, administrator of the MDOT Office of Passenger Transportation, said the state initiative "uses technology and innovation to address mobility gaps for seniors, persons with disabilities and veterans in Michigan."

Bryan D. Smith, deputy chief executive officer, operations, for TheRide, said, "This project has moved forward only through strong partnerships; Q'Straint and TheRide worked closely to execute this project. We have had our technicians trained in installation, our operators trained in safe use, and will be rolling out public training sessions. This is all part of using technology to provide a more independent ride to our passengers with mobility devices—just one of many initiatives we are pursuing to increase mobility for everyone in our community."

In advance of the installation, users of wheelchairs and other mobility devices had an opportunity to try out the new system, thanks to support from a grant from PlanetM—a partnership of mobility organizations, communities, educational institutions, research and development, and government agencies—and Mcity at the University of Michigan.

In addition to providing more independence for individuals with disabilities, Quantum reduces boarding time and allows for less maintenance needed on the vehicle.

APTA Canada Study Mission Report Available

The final report on APTA's 2018 study mission to Canada on "Innovative Infrastructure Development and Implementation" is now available at https://bit.ly/2G8ENQU.

A delegation representing 30 public transportation agencies and businesses visited Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver July 22-28, 2018, to learn how major investments in public transit infrastructure north of the U.S. border are being structured, developed and financed. The report discusses the unique governance, infrastructure implementation practices and financial structures in each of the four cities visited and includes the delegation's key findings.

The delegation participated in presentations, site visits, panel discussions and roundtable exchanges with Canadian public transportation operators and authorities, global business leaders and federal, provincial and local government officials. APTA's longstanding partner, the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA), accompanied the delegation.

For information on the next APTA study mission, contact Petra Mollet at 202-496-4852 or pmollet@apta.com.

Engage the Future Workforce With APTA's Career Day

APTA'S NATIONAL PUBLIC Transportation Career Day, May 16, is an annual national workforce development initiative that introduces K-12 students to careers in public transit. The day falls on the Thursday of Infrastructure Week, May 13-20.

As in previous years, APTA encourages its members to showcase the wealth of career opportunities available within the public transit industry. Last year, APTA members reached more than 500 students across North America!

Connecting with students is a way for public transit professionals to tell their story, highlight opportunities and attract new talent, knowledge and skills to the industry. Engagement activities can include offering facility tours, teaching transit-related lesson plans at schools, holding interactive demonstrations, sponsoring poster contests and hosting career awareness programs.

Visit APTA's National Public Transportation Career Day at www.apta.com/resources/workforce/careerday to find resources for organizations, teachers and students. The site includes lesson plans, fun facts, information on careers in public transit and even job postings!

In addition, APTA is conducting a survey to gather information about outreach initiatives to students throughout the year at https://bit.ly/2VzpENG.

Upcoming *FutureView* Webinar: Reacting to a Blackout

APTAU'S WEBINAR SERIES, *FutureView*, has scheduled its next webinar, **Vulnerabilities of High-Tech Systems: What Happens When the Lights Go Out?**, April 24, 3-4:15 p.m. Eastern. These webinars bring together public transportation practitioners from all facets of the industry to analyze and address the most pressing challenges and opportunities facing public transportation today and into the future.

This webinar will discuss experiences gleaned from recent hurricanes and other disasters, the steps major cities and agencies are taking to prepare for such inevitable events and whether it might be time to create a new tabletop exercise to start the industry preparing in case. For more information and to register, visit www.apta.com/mc/webinars.

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In November 2018, Brightline announced a strategic partnership and trademark licensing agreement with the Virgin Group. Virgin MiamiCentral is the first element to feature the new Virgin branding, to be followed later this year with the rebrand to Virgin Trains USA. The privately owned and operated intercity passenger rail service currently connects Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, with expected future service to Orlando and Tampa, as well as another route between Las Vegas and Southern California.

On April 5, the Florida Development Finance Corp. board approved Virgin Trains USA's request to act as the conduit to sell $950 million in private activity bonds to fund the Phase 2 expansion to Orlando.

Ben Porritt, senior vice president, corporate affairs, for the rail system, said, "Virgin Trains will be a transformative project that will help Florida stay economically competitive while bringing thousands of jobs and tremendous economic impact to the state. We have seen incredible support for this project and are confident it will bring a necessary public benefit to the millions of Florida residents and visitors."

One Trip, One Tool, Multiple Modes

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With more mobility options rapidly becoming available, public transit agencies have more opportunities than ever to take travelers where they need to go. By combining new options with public transit in a single application, TriMet is making it easier to get around the Portland area.

With the help of an FTA grant, we've expanded our current trip planner—which combines public transit with walking and biking—to also include private Transportation Network Companies (TNCs). As a result, TriMet is the first U.S. public transit agency to release a comprehensive multimodal trip planner that incorporates public transit with shared-use mobility service providers including Uber, SHARE NOW (formerly car2go) and BIKETOWN. Eventually, we want to include all service providers, allowing our customers to make better-informed decisions about their travels.

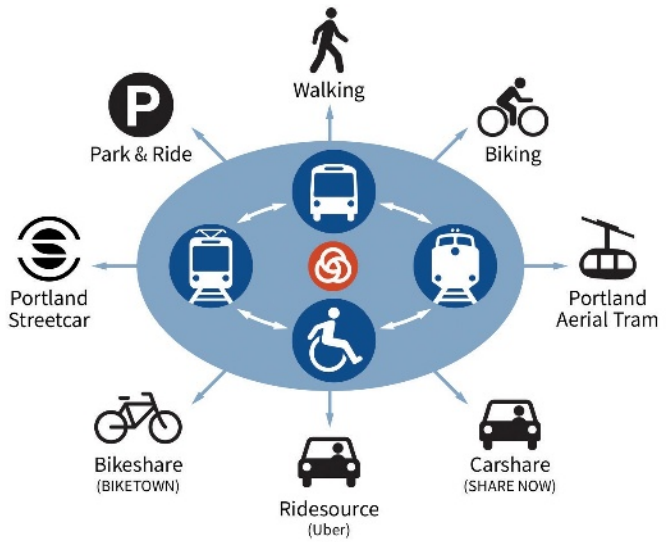
The trip planner, accessible on desktop and mobile devices, uses real-time locations of vehicles and bikes, enabling riders to plan a single trip using a mix of options. If the trip planned includes Uber, the tool links customers to the Uber app to easily book and pay for that part of the trip. The tool lets customers search destinations using business names and landmarks in addition to streets and addresses.

We're testing the new trip planner at www.betaplanner.trimet.org and plan to make it our primary trip planner on www.trimet.org later this year.

The Starting Line: Creating a One-Stop-Shop Trip Planner

TriMet began the journey to develop the trip planner long ago. As a leader in innovation, it was the first public transit agency in the world to open data to the public. We teamed up with Google in 2005 to add transit into Google Maps and create the now worldwide General Transit Feed Spec (GTFS). In 2009, we initiated the development of the OpenTripPlanner, the first open-source multimodal trip planner, which is now being used worldwide. In January 2017, TriMet received a $678,000 FTA Mobility on Demand (MOD) Sandbox grant, which was supported by $324,000 of in-kind contributions.

That funding has led us to today. Now, using our new application, people can plan the trip that works best for them—whether a bus or train gets them only part of the way, they're in a hurry and transit alone may take too much time, or they want to save money over a trip solely using a ride-sourcing service.



Partnerships and Open-Source Planning

At TriMet, we use open-source technology to drive innovation and partnerships. The MOD Sandbox project was a collaborative effort among 38 public and private entities working to find highly creative solutions to a complex problem: completing an open platform for the integration of public transit and shared-use mobility options into the existing OpenTripPlanner, at www.opentripplanner.org. This takes a robust software platform with a highly user-friendly interface.

Throughout the process, we continually interacted with application and geocoder development teams. We negotiated working agreements with TNCs to share data and arrive at agreeable interfaces for the final product. Using our strategy of leveraging existing open-source technology and data, including OpenStreetMap, we created a product that can be replicated easily and cost-effectively and implemented by other public transit agencies. We can then benefit from improvements other agencies make and incorporate them into our trip planner. The initial project was completed on time and within budget in January 2019.

The Next Step: Future Development Via Stakeholder and Customer Feedback

Our new trip planning tool currently integrates TriMet buses and trains, Portland Streetcars, Portland Aerial Tram, Uber, SHARE NOW locations and available BIKETOWN bikes, with more to come. Stakeholder and customer feedback will help advance future development.

"We strongly believe these collaborations between public and private providers can open up useful new possibilities for people navigating the city," said SHARE NOW Portland General Manager Ken Hills.

Uber spokesperson Nathan Hambley added, "We believe that ridesharing and transit go hand-in-hand, which is why we're honored to be a part of TriMet's new trip planner."

We anticipate adding more ride-sourcing and carsharing services, regional public transit agencies and e-scooters. Our ultimate goal is to make our trip planner a one-stop shop, combining planning, booking and payment for all services into a single site.

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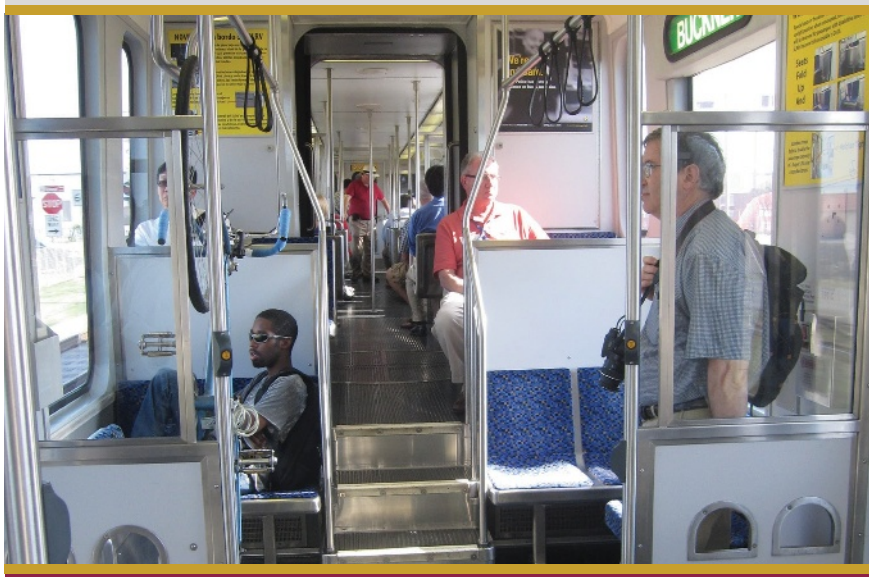

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Buses on the CTA pilot program are equipped with two new digital screens designed to present a variety of information in an easily understandable way.

CTA's Digital Bus Screens Enhance Rider Experience

BY DORVAL R. CARTER JR.
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Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)

IN DECEMBER OF 2018, I launched a pilot test of new digital information screens on board two buses serving one of our system's highest-ridership routes, the #20 Madison.

The pilot is one of the latest efforts to improve our overall customer experience. Since I became CTA president in May 2015, I've focused on a number of improvements—large and small—to service, infrastructure, technology and customer communications, all designed to make service more comfortable and convenient.

The bus displays are intended to alleviate some of the uncertainty or anxiety some customers might feel about a trip ("Am I going in the right direction? Is my stop the next one?"). And they were designed to provide a digital information experience more on a par with what customers experience on our rail system, including real-time service information en route.

The new, easy-to-read bus digital displays offer:

- Real-time travel information, including estimated arrival times for upcoming stops;
- Transfer information to other CTA services;
- Service alerts; and
- "Stop requested" indication that remains on until the bus arrives.

This new technology supplements the existing visual and audio service information already available on all CTA buses. Large text announcing the next stop and audio announcements to assist those with hearing or visual impairments will remain.

Pilot Vendors

In 2018, CTA invited multiple vendors to submit prototypes for the pilot. Vianova, based in Germany, provided two screens.

Vianova installed its demo units at no charge. Our Bus Engineering team assisted the company with installing the screens on bus ceilings (using a simple mounting bracket) and connecting with the communications system on board the bus.

Screen Design

The layout is designed to allow room for a variety of information in an easily understandable way. Buses in our test have two screens—one at the front and the other just before the rear door—so customers are always close to information.

The design is divided, essentially, into three spaces. A top bar iterates the route number and dedicates a space for large text that behaves the same as the red LED signs currently on our buses. It also reserves a corner that flips to bright red with the words "Stop requested" whenever someone has signaled for the next stop—and stays lit until the bus doors are opened.

The largest space, on the left side of the screen, is dedicated to route-specific information: it displays the next stops (with detailed information about services to transfer to at this location), the following upcoming stops (with general transfer availability) and the bus's destination.

The lower right side is used for a variety of other information, most importantly customer alerts. These include details on both planned and unplanned reroutes, interspersed with public service messages from CTA.

This design may change over time, based on feedback we receive from riders, observations we make and as we potentially introduce additional, innovative features. We also established an online survey for customers to provide feedback at www.transitchicago.com/survey/bus-display-survey.

So far, feedback has been positive, with customers reporting the screens to be easy to read and saying they appreciate the real-time arrival and service-status information.

We are currently finalizing plans with at least one other vendor to expand the pilot screens to other buses and routes.

UP and Easily Away

How an airport link to downtown Toronto has become a relaxing and reliable shuttle for weary travelers and quick-moving executives

BY THANE BURNETT
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Tired eyes compete with a wrinkled suit as travelogues of exhaustion. Yohannes Yehune lands at Toronto's Pearson International Airport after a winter spent with his family in Ethiopia. Weather in the Horn of Africa was sunny and bright during his entire time away from his Toronto home.

On the day he lands, it's raining and gray outside the airport. Streets and sidewalks reflect a long winter and the transition into far better weather ahead.

Yehune has spent 16 hours in transit, so he welcomes the UP Express train ride that runs between Canada's busiest airport and the country's most populated downtown. As he wants to avoid stop-and-go traffic, this is his second trip on the airport shuttle train that runs, like clockwork, every 15 minutes between Pearson and one of Canada's oldest rail hubs, Union Station.

He joins millions of customers who annually use UP Express. For many, it has become, since it first rolled out in 2015, a staple of airport travel. It's also used by business leaders who want to access the pockets around the airport. More than 300,000 people work in the district and many take meeting trips downtown—and they don't like to be stuck in traffic either.

It's a 25-minute trip that many customers actually look forward to taking.

"I like the staff, how they help, as well as the luggage racks and how comfortable it is," explained the 54-year-old father of two.

UP Express starts every morning at 4:55 a.m.—the last train runs at 1 a.m. from Union Station and 12:57 a.m. from Pearson—and features luggage storage at the access doors, power outlets and Wi-Fi. The trains provide tray tables and are fully accessible with level boarding. Answers or help are as close as the customer service agents who work in each train.

At the modern downtown station, into which Yehune now steps from the UP Express train, the smell of specialized coffees and fresh baked goods filters through the air. In an area above, he could even catch a beer if he wanted one.

UP Express trains feature luggage storage at the access doors, power outlets and Wi-Fi. There are tray tables and the trains are fully accessible with level boarding.

He's happy to be back, even on a damp and cool Canadian day—and UP Express played a part in that.

"For many travelers, UP Express has become the only way to get in and out of the city," said Mark Childs, chief marketing officer for Metrolinx. "Our entire team is committed to ensuring the UP Express 25-minute service is comfortable, reliable and consistent for customers to help reduce the stress of travel."

About 16 hours away from sun and family, a tired Yehune is thankful for that.

The tale of UP Express, by the numbers:

- 2015 — Year the service was born
- 4 — Number of stations
- 23 — Number of route kilometers
- 1,120 — Number of weekly trips
- 24.89 — Average trip time in minutes
- 3.5M — Annual ridership

The UP Express runs between Canada's busiest airport and the country's most populated downtown every 15 minutes.

Big Blue Bus Incorporates Free Onboard Wi-Fi to Enhance Customer Experience

BY JENNIE CAMPOS
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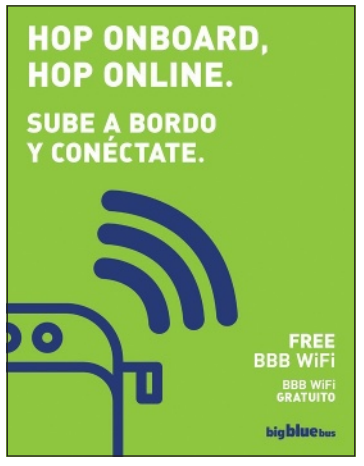
Big Blue Bus (BBB) customers can now read, snap and stream on board 19 of the agency's newest 40-foot buses. Introducing free Wi-Fi to customers improves the customer experience and makes trips more enjoyable.

"With the variety of mobility options available today, we strive to make Big Blue Bus one of the top travel choices for our customers," said Ed King, director of transit services for BBB. "With that in mind, our focus is to deliver exceptional service and a riding experience that is enjoyable, convenient and comfortable as customers make their way to and from their destinations on the notoriously congested Westside of Los Angeles. Investing in free Wi-Fi-enabled buses helps us deliver the type of experience customers have now come to expect of all private and public transportation providers."



BBB surveyed non-riders, former riders and current customers on what type of amenities would both encourage and increase their patronage. Onboard Wi-Fi was the most widely selected amenity, with nearly half of all participants selecting the added feature as their top choice.

The initial installation of the Wi-Fi component required a team effort. BBB's maintenance department collaborated with the city of Santa Monica's information systems department in installing antennas on 19 of its Gillig buses at the factory.

The selected routers are specifically designed for public transit, featuring a collection of key benefits such as onboard diagnostics support that enable staff to check for bus health and security measures including multi-zone firewalls. Staff has the ability to manage all devices on a net cloud without interfering with Wi-Fi service for BBB customers.

Prior to the Wi-Fi launch, customers on board the selected buses were advised to be on the lookout for a green Wi-Fi decal signifying that the bus is Wi-Fi-enabled. Web filters were added for the safety and protection of customer data and customers within proximity of Wi-Fi users. BBB requests each customer reviews an "Acceptable Use Policy" and "Privacy Policy" before connecting and to also tap an "I Agree to Terms" button at the bottom of their mobile screen.

BBB anticipates more customer feedback over time with the installation of the Wi-Fi on more buses. Over the next few months, BBB will be retrofitting additional buses with free Wi-Fi, and, moving forward, Wi-Fi will be standard on all its new buses.

RTD Launches Bus Route Improvements

Denver's Regional Transportation District (RTD) recently began work on the 15L East Colfax Route Improvement Project, which RTD General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Dave Genova, pictured, called "the first significant investment made to the 15L route in 30 years." The project will upgrade 37 bus stops along a busy nine-mile stretch of road between Denver and Aurora with enhanced shelters with lighting, security cameras and benches; programmable information display systems at six stops; queue bypass lanes, bus bulbouts (curb extensions) and expanded boarding areas in key locations. RTD is partnering on the project with Colorado DOT, City and County of Denver, City of Aurora, FTA and the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

Public Transit Agencies Celebrate Landmark Anniversaries

Public transportation agencies in Denver and Santa Barbara, CA, are both celebrating their golden anniversaries this year, while the Alexandria (VA) Transit Company (ATC), commonly known as DASH, is marking its 35th anniversary.

In Denver, the Regional Transportation District (RTD) kicked off a year of celebrating its 50th anniversary with an event at Denver Union Station. The actual anniversary date is July 1 and the agency will devote the rest of this calendar year to recognizing its past and the ways it has made public transit history.

"I am honored to lead at this momentous time," said General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Dave Genova. "I'm proud to say that I've worked for RTD for 25 fantastic years—half the life of the agency."

RTD's anniversary logo in Denver.

Genova continued: "Through the past 50 years, RTD has become woven into the fabric of our region. This year, RTD looks to weave the tales of our riders, employees and friends in conveying the stories of RTD's past, present and future. RTD's story is a rich tapestry illustrating 50 years of collaboration, innovation, celebration and partnership, and these stories are important because without this community, there would be no RTD."

Genova and RTD Board Chair Doug Tisdale introduced RTD's longest-serving employees, Terry Vicek and Bob Brewster, who were working at two Denver metropolitan area transit agencies that merged in 1969 when RTD was created.

"RTD is the largest political jurisdiction in the state of Colorado, other than the state itself," Tisdale said. "That is an awesome responsibility and we enthusiastically embrace our role as leaders in influencing transportation policies that move the region and that inspire the rest of the country."

The agency introduced a special 50th-anniversary logo, is showcasing photos from the last 50 years on its website and has developed an interactive timeline that highlights its innovations and efforts to redefine mobility.

The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) hosted an open house to celebrate its 50 years of service, including tours of its new buses and an exhibit of local public transit artifacts and archives. MTD introduced service Feb. 1, 1969, with 12 buses serving six routes and today operates 112 buses on 42 routes.

The agency also launched a special webpage, sbmtd.gov/50years, which includes an interactive timeline showing photos and news clippings of milestones and an invitation to the community to share their favorite MTD stories.

Jennifer Mitchell, director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, was among the speakers at DASH's 35th-anniversary celebration open house. The event also gave DASH an opportunity to unveil its newest fleet vehicles, the Xcelsior bus from New Flyer of America, and lead tours of operations and maintenance facilities, along with providing information about the system's history and a look into the future of its fleet.

Santa Barbara MTD employees posing with a scaled-down version of the MTD electric shuttles that operate on three routes, from left: Lilly Gomez, marketing and community relations coordinator; Lynrose Paras-Dimalanta, human resources and workers compensation specialist; Hillary Blackerby, interim planning and marketing manager; and Mary Gregg, human resources and risk manager.

Virginia DRPT Director Jennifer Mitchell speaks at the 35th anniversary of DASH in Alexandria, VA.

MBTA Announces Incentives to TNCs; New Mobility Share Opportunity Now Open

MASSACHUSETTS DOT and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) launched a one-year pilot program April 1 that provides financial incentives to Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) to increase availability of wheelchair-accessible vehicles (WAV). Through this program, Uber and Lyft will receive subsidies on a per-hour basis for every hour that their wheelchair-accessible vehicles are available for use.

MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said of the partnership, "I'm excited that the MBTA is playing a critical role in expanding access to mobility for our riders and the general public."

This program builds on an earlier paratransit partnership between MBTA and TNCs, which began in October 2016, with Uber and Lyft providing on-demand rideshare services to RIDE customers.

Ben Schutzman, MBTA chief of paratransit services, explained that the partnership with Uber and Lyft has "thrilled most of our rider base with the amount of mobility it provides." However, paratransit customers had been finding problems with the availability of wheelchair-accessible vehicles, such as uncertainty about estimated times of arrival, while the TNCs said they did not see sufficient demand from customers to support increasing the number of such vehicles.

The per-trip fee assessed through the 2016 Act Regulating Transportation Network Companies will be used to reimburse participating TNCs in exchange for providing on-demand WAVs within The RIDE service area. It has been estimated that this subsidy will cover approximately 50 percent of actual WAV supply cost with TNCs contributing the remainder.

While the pilot will launch within the RIDE service area, MassDOT and MBTA will explore options for regions outside the area if the pilot proves successful.

MassDOT and MBTA will work with the participating TNCs in educating the public about the increased supply of accessible vehicles through targeted marketing and community engagement.

Customers interested in applying to the service can learn more at www.mbta.com/paratransitpilot.

Extending Mobility Options

MassDOT and MBTA also invite mobility device companies seeking to place devices on MBTA property to participate in a licensing pilot program.

The pilot seeks to encourage and expand mobility options and increase access to public transit. As new devices such as electric-assist bicycles and electric scooters enter the market, the pilot establishes a process to ensure the MBTA can embrace such devices in a safe, orderly manner.

Poftak said, "The MBTA looks forward to learning from riders and operators and understanding how shared mobility services can complement our service and improve the customer experience. This pilot will allow us to assure that customer experience for MBTA riders will be enhanced by shared mobility services and provide data that will allow the MBTA to improve how it interacts with these providers."

Applicants must provide detailed information about their companies' plans regarding safety, parking, marketing and outreach, desired locations, equity and relationship with the local municipality. They also must meet baseline requirements including data sharing and insurance compliance.

APTF Accepting 2019 Scholarship Applications

THE AMERICAN Public Transportation Foundation (APTF) will award a minimum of 21 scholarships this year to college students or transit professionals pursuing or advancing a career in the public transit industry.

Individual awards ranging from $2,500 to $10,000 will cover the academic year, beginning in the fall 2019 semester, and may be used to assist with tuition costs or other educational expenses.

Applicants must have the following qualifications to be eligible:

- Be a college sophomore (30 hours or more satisfactorily completed), junior, senior, or be seeking an advanced degree at a fully accredited institution, with a 3.0 minimum GPA; and
- Be sponsored by a member organization of APTA. **Any member may serve as a sponsor.**

The 2019 scholars will receive free registration and a travel stipend to attend APTA's 2019 TRANSform Conference (the reimagined annual meeting), which will be held in New York, NY, Oct. 13-16. At the conference, they will have the opportunity to attend workshops and sessions as well as meet with industry professionals from across the country.

Applications must be submitted electronically by **11:59 p.m. Eastern time June 17**. For more information and to register, visit www.aptfd.org.

John Andoh, executive director/CEO of The COMET, highlights the agency's partnership with Blue Bike SC.

COMET, Bikeshare Form Partnership in Columbia, SC

The COMET in Columbia, SC, has formed a new partnership with the city's bikeshare system, Blue Bike SC.

The COMET received a $250,000 FTA grant to fund eight additional docked stations for Blue Bike SC. The grant also includes $70,000 allocated to Blue Bike as a pilot to provide a first-mile, last-mile connection specifically for bus riders using bikeshare in downtown Columbia.

The city and Bewegen Technologies manage the bikeshare system, which is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina and The COMET. Its mission is to provide equitable access to bikeshare that fosters mobility, recreation and personal wellness.

"Columbia Blue Bike's expansion project is allowing more Columbians an affordable way to improve their personal health as well as the health of our environment," said John Andoh, executive director/chief executive officer of The COMET. "Cycling allows people to explore neighborhoods in a unique and engaging way. Increasing the number of Columbia Blue Bike stations provides a much-needed alternative to traveling in single-occupancy automotive vehicles and complements our public transit system," he added.

Bewegen Chief Executive Officer Alain Ayotte said the partnership "will make Blue Bike SC more accessible and bring value to both of our user bases. We are looking forward to collaborating in the creation of transit-based initiatives."

San Joaquin's 'Van Go' Goes Countywide

FOLLOWING A PILOT PERIOD last year, the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) in Stockton, CA, has expanded its Van Go on-demand ridesharing service throughout San Joaquin County.

Van Go operates within four designated zones in the county, including rural areas. For longer trips, Van Go offers free transfers to connect passengers to buses at all San Joaquin County public bus transit agencies.

Every Van Go vehicle is wheelchair-accessible, and drivers are licensed and trained to help with accessibility needs.

Riders can download and use the Van Go app to schedule a ride or can` make a reservation by phone. The cost is $4 per one-way trip or $10 for a one-day pass, with discounted fares for seniors, persons with disabilities and veterans.

RTD CEO Donna DeMartino and other employees show off the agency's Van Go shuttles.

JTA Unveils New Premium Paratransit Service

The Jacksonville (FL) Transportation Authority (JTA) introduced a premium-level expansion of its on-demand service for customers with disabilities, "Connexion Plus," on April 1.

"After listening to our paratransit customers, we think there's a real demand for this enhanced service," said JTA Chief Executive Officer Nathaniel P. Ford Sr. "JTA is constantly exploring improvements for our transit offerings, especially for our paratransit customers."

The major difference between the two tiers of service is flexibility, according to JTA. Regular Connexion service is restricted by ADA rules of picking up and dropping off within three-quarters of a mile of a fixed bus route, for a $3 fee, while Connexion Plus can take passengers anywhere in Duval County for $6. Also, Connexion Plus passengers travel by themselves (or with a registered personal care attendant) while the regular service provides shared rides.

The enhanced service provides private pick-up and drop-off service to all Connexion certified customers who need only call to request a vehicle at least two hours in advance of the requested pickup time.

SacRT to Begin Operating Elk Grove Bus Service in July

THE SACRAMENTO Regional Transit District (SacRT) will begin operating e-tran bus and e-van paratransit services in Elk Grove, CA, July 1 through a partnership with the city.

The service contract approved by the Elk Grove City Council establishes a five-year term for a total value of approximately $36 million. If SacRT's performance for the first year exceeds the city's previous transit contractor, the city and SacRT will begin annexation negotiations no later than June 30, 2020. SacRT recently completed the annexation of public transit services in two other nearby cities, Citrus Heights and Folsom.

"We fully understand the importance of the e-tran commuter bus service that connects Elk Grove residents to their jobs downtown, and we will continue this service as well as making improvements to current services," said SacRT General Manager/Chief Executive Officer Henry Li.

"The city of Elk Grove looks forward to working collaboratively with SacRT to provide our residents with greater service and enhance access to regional transit opportunities," said Elk Grove Vice Mayor and SacRT Board Member Pat Hume.

Transfers to the SacRT network will be free for e-tran bus riders using the Connect Card or ZipPass mobile app. SacRT will retain e-tran's current branding and operation and will not change any routes.

Bus Travels a Million Miles in St. Louis

St. Louis Metro has announced that, for the second time in its history, a bus in its fleet has logged one million miles—equivalent to 40 trips around the world—with the original engine and without a major overhaul or a major breakdown. The Gillig Phantom with a Cummins M11 engine entered service in 2001; after eight years, it was purchased by the St. Clair County (IL) Transit District, although Metro Transit continued to operate it. Now it will be used for special service, to transport baseball fans to Busch Stadium. Metro credited its innovative maintenance program, which FTA has recognized as a model for public transit asset management, for the achievement.

Posing in front of Alexander Dennis' first full-size autonomous bus, from left: Stagecoach Chief Executive Martin Griffiths, Fusion Processing Ltd. CEO Jim Hutchinson and Alexander Dennis Chief Executive Colin Robertson.

ADL Tests Full-Size Autonomous Bus

ALEXANDER DENNIS Limited (ADL) recently began testing the United Kingdom's first full-size autonomous bus in Manchester, England, working with transport operator Stagecoach and technology company Fusion Processing.

The 11.5-meter, single-deck ADL Enviro200 vehicle—fitted with the CAVstar system provided by Fusion Processing Ltd.—is now able to operate autonomously within a depot, including parking and moving into a bus wash. According to ADL, the technology could also provide future road safety benefits for vehicles operating in manual mode.

ADL Chief Executive Colin Robertson said, "This trial allows us to evaluate potential benefits of autonomous technology in a real-world scenario and feeds into our extensive work to further improve the safety of buses with the help of state-of-the-art technology."

The system uses multiple sensor types including radar, LIDAR, optical cameras and ultrasound, along with satellite navigation to detect and avoid objects, in all weathers, day and night, and plan an optimum path for the vehicle.

The software being used in the pilot vehicle also forms the basis for a major trial due to get underway in 2020, when a fleet of five autonomous buses similar to this one will carry passengers in Scotland between Fife and Edinburgh.

Partners in the CAVForth project team, which last year received 4.35 million pounds from the UK Government's Innovate UK fund, include Stagecoach, Transport Scotland, ADL, Fusion Processing Ltd., ESP Group, Edinburgh Napier University and University of West of England.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NO. 19-602

PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR NORWALK TRANSIT SYSTEM (NTS) PROCUREMENT OF BATTERY ELECTRIC BUS AND CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk invites prospective Proposers to compete for the opportunity to provide Project Management services for Procurement of Battery Electric Bus and Charging Infrastructure for Norwalk Transit System (NTS), a department of the City of Norwalk, a municipal government.

A pre-proposal conference will not be held. All requests for clarification, questions and comments concerning this RFP are due on Friday, April 26, 2019 no later than 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) and must be clearly labeled "Written Questions for RFP No. 19-602" and faxed to (562) 929-5966, Attention: Darlene Mena, Purchasing Division. The City is not responsible for failure to respond to a request that has not been submitted in accordance with the RFP.

The successful Proposer will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Opportunity Laws and Regulations. The City of Norwalk hereby notifies all prospective Proposers that the City will require each Proposer affirmatively demonstrate that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are afforded full opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and sub-contracts financed in part or in whole under this RFP, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, gender, age, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Proposals must be in writing and must be received by the City of Norwalk Purchasing Division **by 11:00 a.m., on Monday, May 20, 2019** via U.S. Mail, FedEx, UPS or courier or in person. Proposals received after the above listed date and time will not be considered, regardless of postmark.

Copies of the RFP may be obtained from the City's website at http://norwalk.org/businesses/rfp-posts-list on Monday, April 15, 2019.

All contacts concerning this RFP must be referred to the City of Norwalk Purchasing Division, (562) 929-5712.

Dated: April 15, 2019
/s/Darlene Mena
Purchasing Agent

CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) is seeking proposals/bids for **RFP 2019-07 On-Call Temporary Staffing Services** through **May 23, 2019 at 2 pm EST**. Prospective proposers/bidders can download this solicitation at http://www.catchacat.org/about-cat/doing-business/procurement/procurement-opportunities/.

For additional information, please contact David Stearns, Procurement Manager, at 912-629-3958 or via email at david.stearns@catchacat.org.

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN – RFP

Notice is hereby given that the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) is accepting proposals for the development of a regional **Coordinated Human Services Plan (RFP # 2019-02)**. This RFP is available on the RTA's procurement website at www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn.

Detailed specifications are available by contacting Virginia Lickliter, Executive Administrator, at (313) 402-1020 or vlickliter@rtamichigan.org. All proposals must be submitted in accordance with requirements set forth in the RFP and be **received on or before May 13, 2019**.

The RTA reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals, to re-advertise for proposals and to waive any informality in any proposal and to determine the most responsive proposal by its own criteria, as described within the RFP.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The **Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority d/b/a The COMET** (referred to as either The COMET or the Authority) will accept proposals from qualified persons or firms that can provide Rubber wheeled Trolleys. The contract resulting from this RFP shall be known as the Trolley contract.

All proposals must be submitted **by June 18, 2019**. Please reference the RFP document(s) for submission requirements. The COMET encourages the use of recycled paper, and where practicable, printed on both sides, for all submittals.

For a copy of the RFP, please contact Ms. Virginia Goodson, Procurement Officer, at virginia.goodson@catchTheCOMET.org. A copy of the RFP is also posted on The COMET website. Please include your name, contact information (e-mail and mailing addresses, telephone number), including how you want to receive a copy of the RFP, and the name of the organization you are representing.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

VIA CONTRACT #19-226

VIA Metropolitan Transit is seeking proposals from responsible firms for Healthcare Administration Services. Proposals will be accepted **until 4:45 PM, May 24, 2019**. Proposals received after that time and date will not be considered.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held at 10:00 AM, April 24, 2019 in the Administration Board Room at 800 W. Myrtle, San Antonio, Texas 78212.

Proposal documents may be obtained from VIA's Procurement Department, 800 W. Myrtle, Suite 203, San Antonio, Texas 78212. Please visit https://via.mwdsbe.com to register with VIA and to download the document. Information on current solicitations is listed under the View Procurement Opportunities section.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FY19-R-008

TRANSIT OPTIMIZATION STUDY

Sealed proposals are hereby requested by the **Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority**, 620 Cherry St., Des Moines, Iowa to be received **until 2:00 PM local time, on April 26, 2019** for a Transit Optimization Study.

Requests for clarification and/or questions concerning the issued document shall be directed to Mike Tiedens in the DART Procurement Department at 515-283-5034 or e-mail dartprocurement@ridedart.com. All submittal questions concerning this RFP are due on or before April 9, 2019. This will be the only notice rendered for this procurement. Proposal Documents can be obtained at DART Central Station, above address, during the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday or on DART's website https://www.ridedart.com/business-center/procurement.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **The North Central Regional Transit District of New Mexico**, hereafter referred to as "NCRTD" or "the District," calls for Request for Proposals pursuant to section 11 of the District's Procurement Policy.

RFP 2019-004
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
Transit Service Plan Update (SPU)

The NCRTD is seeking request for proposals to select a consulting firm to perform a transit Service Plan Update.

Interested parties may secure a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP 2019-004) by sending a request via USPS, email or fax by contacting:

Hector E. Ordoñez, Chief Procurement Officer Mail: 1327 N. Riverside Dr. Española, NM 87532 Fax: (505) 747-6647 Email: hectoro@ncrtd.org

All deliveries of responses via USPS or express carrier must be addressed as follows:

Name: Hector E. Ordoñez, Chief Procurement Officer
Reference: Service Plan Update RFP#2019-004
Address: 1327 N. Riverside Drive
Española, NM 87532

Responses to the request are only accepted by mail (no email or faxes) and must be received at the NCRTD Executive Offices **no later than 5:00 P.M. MST, Friday, April 19, 2019**. The NCRTD reserves the right to reject any/all Proposals and waive all formalities.

NCRTD Executive Director;
Anthony J. Mortillaro

INVITATION FOR BID

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Muncie Public Transportation Corporation, 1300 East Seymour Street, Muncie, Indiana 47302 **until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, May 30, 2019**, at which time and place bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

The bids are for:

(1). The lease of heavy duty radial transit coach tires and appurtenances.

Detailed specifications and further information may be obtained from the Muncie Indiana Transit System, 1300 East Seymour Street, Muncie, Indiana 47302, telephone (765) 287-2388, option #4.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bidder's security in the form of a certified cashier's check or bidder's bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which shall be retained by the Muncie Public Transportation Corporation if the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract.

All bids and related documents shall be subject to a financial assistance contract between the MPTC and United States Department of Transportation under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended. Terms and conditions established under the act shall apply.

All bidders will be required to certify they are not on the U.S. Comptroller General's consolidated list of ineligible contractors. Manufacturers appearing on said list will be considered ineligible. The successful bidder will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations.

The MPTC hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, and national origin in consideration for an award.

The MPTC reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids as the MPTC deems in its best interest.

Larry King
General Manager

HELP WANTED

DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT

The **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)**, an independent agency responsible for public transit and roadway infrastructure in the city of Jacksonville, Florida. The Authority was awarded a BUILD grant from the FTA for their Ultimate Urban Circulator project which will be a new autonomous vehicle system. The Authority is recruiting a dynamic, energetic and innovative Director of Procurement to seek new grant opportunities as well as manage the Agency's procurement processes. If interested in obtaining the position description or to apply, please email Gregg Moser, Krauthamer & Associates, at gmoser@kapartners.com.

CONTRACTS SERVICES MANAGER

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

Summary:

AC Transit is currently searching for qualified candidates for the position of Contracts Services Manager. The position manages the District's contracts administration functions, ensures compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and provides primary supervision to assigned subordinate procurement staff. In addition to the opportunity to work with some of the best in the business at one of the largest bus agencies in California, AC Transit also has an excellent benefits package that includes pension, medical, dental and vision coverage, flexible spending and 457 savings plan.

This Position Is An Unrepresented At-Will Position
To apply, visit: https://apptrkr.com/1427080
Equal Opportunity Employer

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Guilford County Schools is the third-largest district in **North Carolina**, serving nearly 72,000 students across 126 schools in urban, suburban and rural areas. Because we are a larger district, we are able to offer opportunities that smaller districts, charter and private schools just can't! We are currently looking for an Executive Director of Transportation who will provide leadership in developing and implementing best practices managing daily transportation operations, including fleet maintenance management, school bus routes, school bus and contract vehicle safety, school and activity bus driver training. Please visit https://www.applitrack.com/gcsnc/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Executive to apply and read the full job description for this position.

SENIOR RAIL SERVICE PLANNER/SCHEDULER

At the **Regional Transportation District of Denver, CO (RTD)** our mission is to meet our constituents' and future public transit riders needs by offering safe, clean, reliable, courteous, accessible and cost-effective service throughout the District. We look for candidates to join our team in creating a legacy for current and future generations.

RTD is currently seeking a motivated individual with a Bachelor's Degree in planning, transportation, engineering, business administration, or a related field. Required is five years of experience in transit planning or transportation demand management and the ability to develop manual service schedules and proficiency in computerized scheduling. Also required is the ability to analyze data concerning ridership, population, costs, and revenues.

We currently have the following position available:

Senior Rail Service Planner/Scheduler
Job # IRC41437

Description of Work: This position is responsible for coordination of light rail operations plans, developing and analyzing schedule changes, improvements, and innovative solutions for regular and special light rail operation plans.

Please apply on or after, March 31, 2019 but **no later than April 19, 2019**. For a complete job description, and to apply for this position, please visit our website at www.rtd-denver.com/careers.

Regional Transportation District Denver, CO 80202

EOE/AA/Drug Free

AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

DIRECTOR, RAIL TRANSIT

American Public Transportation Association (APTA) seeks a Director-Rail Transit to serve as APTA's subject-matter expert on rail transit issues, including light rail transit (LRT), streetcar, and heavy rail. The candidate will support APTA's rail transit system operators; provide expertise on rail transit policy and technical issues; support programming for conferences; support APTA business members; interface with Federal regulatory agencies; and manage and direct APTA's standards development work for the rail transit industry.

Bachelor's degree in technical specialty coupled with 8 years (minimum) of actual experience in rail operations or equipment engineering is preferred. Demonstrated equivalent experience in rail system management or rail engineering will be considered. Should also have familiarity with current FTA and other federal programs. Knowledge of, expertise in, and ability to articulate the technology supporting software and smart phone applications relating to mobility, mapping, travel planning, fare payment, and websites is preferred. Must have excellent oral and written communication skills and the ability to work effectively with people and organizations as well as work independently and under pressure, meeting multiple deadlines. Must be willing to travel to support reviews, committees and conferences. Convenient Metro location. Excellent benefits/competitive salary. Please email cover letter and resume to Human Resources at aptajobs@apta.com. EOE Principals Only

AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

American Public Transportation Association (APTA) has the immediate need for an individual to assist our Government Affairs team in researching legislative issues and federal agency activities and communicating the public transportation industry's position on federal legislative issues to APTA members, outside interests, Members of Congress, and the Executive Branch. Duties will include obtaining, analyzing and organizing information on federal legislation, regulations and other federal activities related to public transportation; preparing memoranda, talking points, and speeches to communicate the public transportation industry's views on federal legislative and government affairs issues; building public awareness/support for public transportation; and assisting with the preparation of Congressional testimony.

Bachelor's degree in Transportation, Public Policy, or Public Administration with at least one to two years' work experience on Capitol Hill or programs related to public policy. Familiarity with federal legislative process including transportation authorization, budget, and appropriations issues, desirable. Must have strong writing and communications skills. Convenient Metro location. Excellent benefits with competitive salary. Please email cover letter and resume to Human Resources at aptajobs@apta.com. EOE Principals Only

DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)**, an independent agency responsible for public transit and roadway infrastructure in the city of Jacksonville, Florida, is recruiting a dynamic, energetic and proven Director of Economic Development to lead the Authority in transit-oriented development and advancing public-private-partnerships. This is in conjunction with their Ultimate Urban Circulator project which will be a new autonomous vehicle system that is poised to change the economic landscape of Jacksonville. If interested in obtaining the position or to apply, please email Gregg Moser, Krauthamer & Associates, at gmoser@kapartners.com."

SENIOR DIRECTOR, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (RAIL SYSTEMS)

Bulletin No: 002002-023

Closing Date: 30-APR-19
Salary Range: $122,970 - $153,691 - $184,434
At Will**

Basic Function

To oversee, manage, and coordinate rail systems design and construction activities of major Metro rail transit capital projects

Requirements For Employment

- Bachelor's degree in Electrical or Civil Engineering, Construction Management or other related field
- 5 years' management-level experience in construction management or engineering

Preferred Qualifications

Due to the competitiveness of the recruitment, consideration may be given to those candidates who demonstrate the following additional qualifications:

- Experience managing transit projects
- Experience participating in or overseeing the testing, commissioning, and start-up/activation of rail transit projects
- Experience managing or overseeing the design of rail transit systems, including traction power, Overhead Catenary System (OCS), train control, communications, mechanical, and system-wide electrical systems
- Experience managing or overseeing the construction of rail transit systems including traction power, Overhead Catenary System (OCS), train control, communications, mechanical, and system-wide electrical systems

Selection Procedure

Applicants who best meet job-related qualifications will be invited to participate in the examination process that may consist of any combination of written, performance, or oral appraisal to further evaluate job-related experience, knowledge, skills and abilities.

Application Procedure

- To apply, visit Metro's website at www.metro.net/careers and complete an online Employment Application.
- Metro/Public Transportation Services Corporation (PTSC) is an equal employment opportunity employer.

**This is an At-Will position and employee serves at the pleasure of the hiring authority.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

DES MOINES AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART), the largest transit system in Iowa, serves a region of nearly 600,000 residents. Greater Des Moines is a hub of commercial, cultural and political activity, home to two major colleges, and is widely considered one of the top three "insurance capitals" in the world. In 2016, Business Insider ranked Des Moines the #1 "Best City for the Middle Class", U.S. News & World Report ranked Des Moines as the #2 Best Affordable Place to Live in the U.S. and Fortune ranked Des Moines as the #5 "Best Place Where Millennials are Buying Houses".

With an annual budget of $30+ million, DART's 114 local/express buses, 37 paratransit and on-call vehicles, and 112 rideshare vans, provides nearly 5 million.

Under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer is responsible for the day-to-day management of DART's fixed-route transit, paratransit and fleet and facilities maintenance providing direction, effective communication and support to ensure safe, reliable and customer-focused transit services. In addition, the COO will administer collective bargaining agreements, assist in contract negotiations, handle staff hiring and performance evaluations, and be responsible for safety, training, security, and facility maintenance.

In conjunction with senior staff, the COO will provide the Authority with strategic vision, policy development, capital project planning, and will remain current on emerging industry practices and technologies to maximize the efficiency and service for the customer. The COO must also be an excellent communicator both inside the organization and externally, as s/he may be called upon to represent the General Manager and/or the Commission with the community.

A Bachelor's Degree in Planning, Public Administration, Transportation, Engineering, Business Administration or a related field, and a minimum of 10 years of progressively responsible management, supervisory and labor relations experience, preferably in a public transportation environment, is required. A Master's Degree is preferred.

DART offers competitive benefits/salary and is an EEO employer. For a complete job description, visit www.harrisrand.com Submit resume and salary requirements in confidence to Christopher Boylan at Harris Rand Lusk Executive Search: cboylan@harrisrand.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The **Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)** is the eighth largest transit system in the U.S. and North America, providing bus, and rail service to an average of half a million passengers daily. With 38 rail stations and over 100 bus routes, MARTA is the key to getting around Atlanta. Whether you are coming in from the airport, commuting to work, biking, walking, parking, visiting, going to an event, or enjoying Atlanta nightlife, MARTA is the easiest and most cost-effective way to get around the city and the region.

We are currently seeking applicants for the following positions:

Director of Maintenance of Way – IRC58629
Manager of Federal & State Grants – IRC59291
Grants Administrator – IRC 59290
Project Manager II – IRC58989
Program Manager Cars – IRC58849
Field Inspector – IRC55769

If you are interested in any of these exciting career opportunities, please visit our website at www.itsmarta.com to get more information and to apply.

MARTA is an Equal Employment Opportunity - Affirmative Action Employer & E-Verify Participant.

INDYGO PRESIDENT AND CEO

KL2 Connects LLC has been retained to identify exceptionally qualified candidates for the role of President and Chief Executive Officer with the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation in Indianapolis, Indiana. IndyGo is about to embark on a major transformation that will double the size of its bus system, introducing cutting-edge technology with a 100% electric-powered fleet and three lines of BRT service. The residents of Indianapolis supported this substantial growth of transit at the ballot box, opting for a new network of efficient and environmentally responsible commuting options. As the state capital, Indianapolis is a vibrant city with an elegant combination of historic preservation and the latest innovations. It is also home to wonderful natural resources; a diverse and engaged population; and a wealth of cultural, educational, arts, entertainment, sports, and other amenities. Reporting to IndyGo's Board of Directors, the winning candidate will be responsible for the direction, coordination, and administration of all affairs of the corporation. He/she will direct, plan, and implement policies and objectives; increase productivity; maximize returns on investments; establish and achieve strategic and financial goals; partner with the executive team to develop and execute operational plans; establish a culture of accountability with a data-driven focus on performance; collaboratively define operating units' goals and monitor their success; cultivate effective relationships with the community, business leaders, public officials, and labor representatives; ensure that an accurate accounting system is maintained; prepare the annual budget, budget message, and capital program; monitor administration of the budget; administer programs to protect assets and employees; recommend changes to the board concerning the financial condition and future needs of the corporation; promote public and private sector involvement including the use of consultants; and promote IndyGo as the leading voice in community public transportation issues. The ideal candidate for this position should be a relationship builder and a change agent. He/she must enjoy the challenge of directing a transit system that is growing rapidly in response to a voter mandate to succeed. IndyGo has a dedicated revenue source that is funding a 70% increase in bus service, more than $300 million in BRT investment, and conversion to an all-electric fleet. The new leader should be skilled in overseeing complex capital projects using FTA grants and the challenges of a corporate staff and culture that must be scaled up to redefine the organization. The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's (Master's preferred) in business administration, management, public administration, or a related field, plus at least ten years of executive or upper-level management experience driving strategic objectives at a large organization (preferably public sector administration or transit management). This opportunity offers an attractive salary and benefits package and a rewarding professional environment. IndyGo is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity at all levels – women and minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. To be considered, go towww.KL2connects.com/openings, select the IndyGo listing, and upload your letter of interest, resume, and 4-5 professional references (preferably supervisory). If you have additional questions, please contact John Bartosiewicz directly at John@KL2connects.com.

DART

SENIOR TRANSIT PLANNER

Position Summary:

This position offers the successful candidate an exciting opportunity to join a dynamic and talented organization providing transit services in the greater Des Moines region, which is consistently ranked among the best places to live in the country. Under general supervision, the Senior Transit Planner will lead and assist with DART's short- and long-range service planning, performance analysis, project management, and transit scheduling. Projects that the Senior Transit Planner will contribute to include a long-range mobility services plan, an on-demand mobility pilot, bus stop enhancements, and regularly recurring schedule and route updates. The Senior Transit Planner will also design and lead public outreach activities to inform DART customers and collect feedback on service planning activities.

The Senior Transit Planner would work collaboratively in a team environment, and take leadership as well as supporting roles depending on the project. The Senior Transit Planner will report to the Planning and Development Manager; however, the incumbent should be capable of guiding their own day-to-day work duties and objectives.

Essential Functions of this Position:

- Designs and conducts transit service planning studies. This includes collecting, analyzing and interpreting transportation data and performance metrics, designing surveys, identifying priorities, summarizing findings, drafting recommendations, and preparing reports and public presentations.
- Assist with the planning and implementation of regularly scheduled service changes, which includes developing schedule and route modifications, gathering feedback from internal and external stakeholders, updating data repositories, and analyzing results.
- Performs project management for capital projects and service planning activities. Duties include developing project proposals; developing and tracking project budget, scope and performance measures; coordinating consultant services; reviewing and reporting on study progress and deliverables; managing grants; and coordinating with internal and external stakeholders.
- Assist with the design and implementation of public participation processes for service planning activities that provide timely and relevant information, as well as opportunities for meaningful public input that is tailored and accessible to diverse audiences.
- Contribute to DART's efforts to leverage the latest technology and customer preferences to deliver efficient and effective public transportation services by supporting the development, implementation and evaluation of innovative pilot mobility projects.

Additional Responsibilities of this Position:

- Create maps, charts, tables and other data visualization tools to analyze and communicate DART's performance and potential service modifications
- Conduct field work to observe conditions, collect data, or survey customers
- Attend occasional evening and weekend public meetings
- Assist with transit scheduling functions as needed
- Provide transit representation and perspective to various local groups and partner agencies
- Assist in the review of site development proposals for transit impacts and request new or improved transit amenities

Education and/or Experience:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in Urban and/or Transportation Planning, Geography, Public Administration or a related field; AND
- At least three years of experience leading planning studies, managing projects, or conducting transit service planning activities.
- A master's degree is highly desired.

To apply got to: https://jobs.ourcareerpages.com/job/421066?source=Dart&jobFeedCode=Dart&returnURL=www.ridedart.com

APTA Welcomes

Its New Members Who Joined Between December 2018 and March 2019

Congratulations on Joining — and Thank You for Supporting APTA

Allied Telesis
San Jose, CA
Ash Padwa, Chief Risk Officer
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Barry Barker
Louisville, KY
502-376-4983

Bridgeable
Toronto, ON, CANADA
Kyle Schruder, Manager, Brand Experience
416-531-2665

BSC Group Inc.
Boston, MA
Sean O'Brien, CEO
800-288-8123

Chambers, Conlon & Hartwell LLC
Washington, DC
Katie Kachel, Partner
202-638-7790

City of Fort Worth
Fort Worth, TX
Chad Edwards, Regional Mobility and Innovation Officer
817-392-7259

Clark Concepts LLC
Rockville, MD
Brendon Clark, Principal
301-340-7445

Comtech Group Inc.
Markham, ON, CANADA
Kishan Dhanjal, PMP, Senior Manager, Project Delivery
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DXC Technology
Tysons, VA
Edward Baldzicki, Mass Transit Market Lead
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Electro Soft Inc.
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Karla Trotman, EVP
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Debi Schadel, Partner
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Florida Department of Transportation
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Fraenkische USA LP
Anderson, SC
Blair Nolen, Director of Sales North America
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West Henrietta, NY
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Gunda Corporation
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Ramesh Gunda, President
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Saelig Company Inc.
Fairport, NY
Dan R. Evans, Sales Manager
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Security Through Safe Design Inc.
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William VanRyswyk, President and CEO
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Chicago, IL
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618-978-4773

Vector Media Holdings Corp.
New York, NY
David Daucanski, Executive Vice President
212-557-9405

Jeffrey Wharton
Goldsboro, NC
919-394-6297

WSB
Minneapolis, MN
Lee Nichols, Senior Transportation Planner
763-541-4800

People On The Move

BLAIRSVILLE, PA—**Stephen Hamilton** has joined Penn Machine as national sales manager for Canada, based in North Bay, Ontario. He comes to the company after working for Ontario Northland Railway as a sales and business development manager.

Hamilton

WASHINGTON, DC—**Peter A. Peyser Jr.**, principal of Peyser Associates LLC, has joined the Building America's Future (BAF) board of directors. BAF was founded in 2008 by former Pennsylvania Gov. Edward Rendell, former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. For APTA, Peyser serves on the Authorization Task Force, High-Speed & Intercity Passenger Rail Committee and Innovative Funding, Finance and P3 Committee.

Peyser

ATLANTA—Stantec announced the appointment of **Michael (Mike) Holt** as a principal in its transportation practice, based in the firm's Atlanta office. Holt has nearly 30 years of experience in traffic engineering and intelligent transportation systems, including roles as a county traffic engineer, engineering consultant and contractor.

Holt

CHALFONT, PA—Macro, a division of Ross & Baruzzini, has hired **Sean Kennedy** as director of business development. Kennedy's 25 years of transportation, public safety and utilities experience includes a tenure with Amtrak as a senior director, leading all IT projects and applications for the transportation department.

Kennedy

COLUMBUS, OH—**Joanna Pinkerton**, president/chief executive officer of the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), has been appointed chair of DriveOhio's Government Advisory Board, a board that operates under Ohio DOT. She will lead the board representing local government in an effort to accelerate smart vehicle and connected vehicle projects in the state.

For APTA, she is a member of the Bus & Paratransit CEOs, Bus Operations and Mid-Size Operations committees and the Public Transportation CEO Coordinating Council.

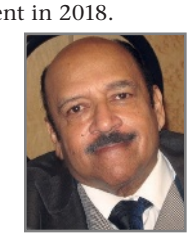
Pinkerton

NEWARK, NJ—**Rich Schaefer** has joined New Jersey Transit Corporation as chief engineer in the Capital Planning and Program Department. Schaefer spent more than 18 years with HNTB Corporation, most recently as associate vice president and chief bridge engineer. He also spent time in academia, serving as an adjunct professor at New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, his alma mater.

Schaefer

CLEVELAND—The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees has re-elected Westlake Mayor **Dennis Clough** and **Rev. Charles Lucas** to new one-year terms as president and vice president respectively. Clough joined the board in 1999 and has served as its president since 2018. Lucas joined the board in 2016 and was elected vice president in 2018.

Clough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